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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: MOLD-SUPPORTING APPARATUS, MOLDING MACHINE, AND MOLDING METHOD (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

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